



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Health and Recovery Services Administration, Medical Assistance

Subject of possible rule making:

WAC 388-533-0390 Childbirth Education

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.08.090 Rule-making authority and enforcement

RCW 74.09.760 through 74.09.910 (Maternity care access act of 1989)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is amending these rules to:

- (1) Break 388-533-0390 into smaller sections (example: 388-533-0391, -0392, -0393, -0394, -0395).
- (2) Remove all references to the Social Services Payment System (SSPS);
- (3) Change all references from "the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)" to "the department;"
- (4) Clarify the department's policy on payment of childbirth education when delivered as a refresher course; and
- (5) Expand coverage to include payment for "refresher courses."

During the course of this review, the department may identify additional changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Department of Health - Maternity Infant Health, First Steps

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

The department invites the interested public to review and provide input on the draft language of this rule. Draft material and information about how to participate may be obtained from the department representative listed below.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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